

Hopkinton Open Space Committee
Thursday, May 26, 2011

Hopkinton Town Library Community Room

Minutes Approved at June 16, 2011 meeting

Administrative

- Meeting was unexpectedly held on the back porch of the library, as the building was closed due to reduced hours
- Attendance: Denis Goddard, Lucia Kittredge, Ron Klemarczyk, Dijit Taylor, Bob LaPree, Darlene Isabel, HHS Civics class students Josh Isabel, Brian Peasely
- The committee welcomed two high school students and one mom who had come on assignment from HHS Civics class to attend the meeting of a town committee.
- Minutes from April meeting accepted as presented
- Committee membership –information about the term lengths not known
- Dates of next meetings: Thursdays June 16 (town hall), July 21, August 18, Sept 15

Old Business

- Bohanan
Public Access
 - Date of day to work on walking route changed to June 26
 - Ron & Bob to walk the route on Monday
 - Jamie is in discussion with NH Fish and Game about modest improvements to make it possible to launch car top boats, probably just upstream from the bridge – proving boat launch area that can withstand current and changes in water level and that does not attract swimmers is a challenge
 - Appropriate signage for walking route still not decided on
 - Dijit to check price of plastic arrows from Voss sign
 - Possibly use laminated paper signs until need become clearer?
 - Sign – scheduled to be installed June 1
- Website update – Committee reviewed excellent list Lucia had made and circulated prior to meeting of all the conservation properties that are likely to be included on the website; minor tweaks to the list proposed; today's thinking is to show flood control area with a link to their site (because there is so much recreational use on the site). Discussion of Mast Yard State Forest leads to the idea to include a link to the Concord recreation/conservation map as Hopkinton properties about some of the Concord ones.

Updates

- Rice – Conservation easement language has been approved by all parties and awaits signature of the Board of Selectmen at their next meeting
- Beyer – Audubon is seeking survey; Ron thinks the town has it, Dijit to check with Karen Robertson and supply Rice conservation easement language as model for Audubon to draft language for this conservation easement.

Parcel near Brockway/Carson – Landowner has not made needed connection with conservation commission

Discussion of Open Space Committee land conservation priorities/parcels delayed until future meeting

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45

Respectfully submitted,

Dijit Taylor, Recorder